

# 'Bud' Gray Up To Bat For Consumers

WASHINGTON — Elisha (Bud) Gray, II of Benton Harbor, chairman of Whirlpool Corp., also is chairman of the Council of Better Business Bureaus which is launching an all-out effort to educate consumers and make businessmen responsive to consumer needs.

The council is a consolidation of two organizations, National Better Business Bureau, Inc., and Association of Better Business Bureaus International.

Gray said the recent formation of the council and adoption of goals are aimed at revitalizing the Better Business Bureau network to make it "the strong, viable, effective and visible unified consumer assistance agency of national stature that will become the preferred alternative to any government regulation or other device."

He noted that communications between buyer and seller threaten to break down because of the complexity of the market. At the same time the consumer expects more of a product and better service to go with it.

Gray today announced the election of H. Bruce Palmer as council chairman. Palmer is former president of The Conference Board, Inc., and president of the Mutual Life Insurance Co.

The Council of Better Business Bureaus consists of 139 bureaus in the U.S. and 11 in Canada. More than 1,000 national companies and about 800 Chambers of Commerce and a number of trade organizations also hold memberships.

Gray reported the council is launching a 14-point program "to make our consumers the wisest and toughest in the world and our businessmen the most responsive to their needs."

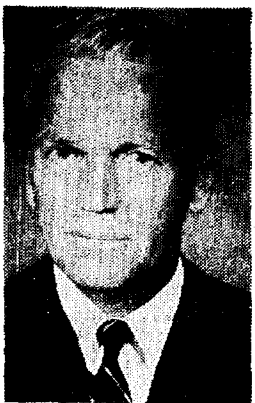
He went on to say that "responsible businessmen are being judged by the ethics of the least worthy operator. To whatever degree any person engaged in a business transaction deceives or irritates the consumer, the best of us get blamed and then possibly saddled with a regulation designed to protect against the worst."

"The responsible businessman will see the consumers demand for help in the complex market place as a worthy challenge to his skills and as a tremendous opportunity to assert leadership in his own backyard."

Palmer said that support of the council effort will be sought by all sectors of business. He described the

council's goal of working to bring consumer and business together in harmony as "the greatest challenge" he has ever undertaken.

The council board consists of 30 members including Robert Sarnoff, president of RCA; Gardner Cowles, chairman of Cowles Communications, Inc., publishers of Look magazine, and Ward Quaal, president, WGN-TV continental.



ELISHA GRAY II

# ECONOMIC MEDICINE BITTER, SWEET

## British Attitudes Change

## Horror Tales Shock Abortion Backers

WINDSOR, Ont. (AP)—British lawmakers have undergone "a profound change in opinion" on the subject of abortion since passage of Britain's liberal abortion bill, an English Member of

Parliament said Monday. Conservative M.P. Dr. Norman St. John Stevas said at the University of Windsor that abuses and "a crisis in the nursing profession" have prompted over

250 members of Parliament to petition for a government inquiry on the working of the law. This contrasts, he said, with the original 223-29 vote in favor of the law.

The inquiry, he said, could lead to extensive revision of the two-year old statute and should be "informative" for both Americans and Canadians "rushing down the same slope."

Stevas, an Oxford graduate with a doctorate in law from Yale University, said the petition was prompted in part by "horror stories," some of which turned out "to be actually true."

One such incident, he said, took place at Stob's Hill Hospital in Scotland, where a medical worker about to incinerate several fetuses was shocked to hear one begin crying. The fetus, which had been near to term, was taken to the premature ward and later died.

The nursing staffs of four major hospitals have gone on strike, Stevas said, rather than perform abortion procedures.

In addition, the Secretary of State for Social Services has ordered an inquiry by Sir John Peel, former chairman of the Royal College of Gynecologists and Obstetricians, into charges that fetuses were being sold to researchers for experimentation.

Stevas called such abuses inevitable "when short-cuts are offered by an impatient society for complicated problems."

## California Gets 5 New House Seats

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)—California will gain five extra seats in the U.S. House of Representatives under the 1970 census figures, and most of the new political muscle will go to suburban areas.

The official Census Bureau count released Monday showed California as the nation's most populous state with a population of 20,998,863, up from the 15,117,204 of the 1960 headcount.

The increase will boost California's congressional delegation from 38 to 43 and will bring on a battle of will between a Democratic-controlled state legislature and Republican Gov. Ronald Reagan as to how it is apportioned.



DON STEWART, Benton Harbor city manager, told city commission last night "I can't keep a damn thing in my house of value" because of thieves who recurrently vandalize his home. (Staff photo)

## Lives 'On An Island'

## Manager Tells It Like It Is

By RALPH LUTZ  
Staff Writer

Too much of a good thing is bad, according to Benton Harbor City Manager Don Stewart. Stewart told the city commission and the news media that too many good policemen, too many good firemen — and today's school functions — appear to have lessened "citizen involvement" in community problems.

Stewart said if there were fewer policemen seen on streets during the night, citizens would become directly involved in fighting crime. He said if there were fewer firemen, people might be more careful about fires in their homes.

As to schools, Stewart said they try to do everything for everybody, including baby-sitting. He said with schools taking care of children during the day and police handling them at night, families are left with little concern.

Stewart termed the trend a bad one over the nation. As for himself, Stewart said — for publication: "I live on an island. There

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are no longer any neighbors on either side of me. My home has been vandalized and ransacked. There's not a damn thing in my house of value. And when we go away we don't even lock the doors. Maybe, they won't get broken then."

The manager's philosophical

## Nixon Aims At Wage, Price Spiral

## U.S. Reserve Banks Make Money Easier

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the Federal Reserve Board making another move toward easier money, the Nixon administration took aim today at wage and price increases it considers inflationary.

The White House put the finishing touches on its second inflation alert, a statement which officials said beforehand spotlights wage-price decisions causing inflation.

**INFLATIONARY EFFECT**  
The alert comes on the heels of a decision by the Federal Reserve that could have an inflationary effect but nevertheless is supported by the administration.

The Fed late Monday lowered the discount rate, the amount its member banks charge for borrowing, from 5 1/4 to 5 1/2 per cent.

It was the second such cut in less than three weeks and signaled another possible drop in the prime interest rate, the amount large banks charge their biggest and best customers for money.

Economists said the discount rate reduction is a clear sign of easier money.

The Fed described its move as purely technical to mirror already declining short-term interest rates, but its last change on Nov. 11—also described as technical—touched off a decrease in the prime rate.

The discount rate drop, with its psychological impact on the market and effect on interest rates generally, meshed with the administration's policies to expand the economy, even though this could push inflation, to offset unemployment—among other effects.

Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index, still persists, despite monetary and spending policy restraints imposed by the administration since Nixon took office almost two years ago.

After making repeated predictions that it won't work, Nixon's Council of Economic Advisers appeared ready to try to curb inflation by the previously frowned-upon "jawboning" technique—publicly criticizing large wage and price increases.

Up to now, the administration has rejected all proposals for an "incomes policy," a term that

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SANTA CLAUS rides high as this oddly compared vendor advertises his inflatable wares on New York street.

## Byrd Will Vote With Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., who dropped from the Democratic party to campaign for re-election in Virginia as an independent, will vote as a Democrat when the new Senate chooses its leaders — a commitment he made well before the Nov. 3 election.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana said Byrd advised him of his decision long before the election.

"I suspect I was the only person who knew that," Mansfield said, adding that as far as he is concerned, Byrd will be welcome at the Democratic caucus next month.

## Coloma Woman Killed

## She's Ninth Victim Of Deer Season

COLOMA — A Coloma woman was accidentally killed Monday while hunting in the National Forest near Baldwin, Mich.

Lake county authorities identified the victim as Mrs. Homer (Kriesda Edith) Strasser, 25, of Box 377 Pear street, Coloma.

Authorities said Mrs. Strasser was killed about 9:55 a.m. when her 15-year-old step-son's rifle discharged. Authorities said the youth, Rex, slipped while climbing a steep hill and the gun discharged. She was pronounced dead on arrival at the Comprehensive Health Care center at Baldwin.

Mrs. Strasser was the ninth person killed in accidental shootings during the firearm deer hunting season which closed at 6 p.m. Monday.

She was born May 24, 1945, in Watervliet, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kriener.

Surviving are her husband; ten children, Rex, Ricky, Brenda, Sandy, Michael, Nancy, Phyllis, Jeff, Sharon and Kelli Joe; her parents; a grandmother, Mrs. Ben (Pearl) Kriener of Coloma and a brother Robert Kriener of Watervliet.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Salem Lutheran church. The Rev. Fred Kipp will officiate and burial will be in North Shore Memory Gardens.

Friends may call at the Davidson funeral home, Coloma, after 7 tonight.

## House Finds No Grounds For Ouster

WASHINGTON (AP) — A special House subcommittee probing the conduct of Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas has found no grounds for his impeachment, sources on the panel say.

Although the two Republicans on the subcommittee immediately denied the report Monday and the panel's chairman, Rep. Emanuel Celler, D-N.Y., said no conclusions had been reached, the sources stated the findings are part of a draft report prepared for the House Judiciary Committee.

The three-man Democratic majority on the subcommittee, according to the sources, met last week and agreed the charges leveled against Douglas by House GOP Leader Gerald Ford and others were not supported enough to justify impeachment proceedings.

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## Big Mystery

## Timely Tenner Boosts Fund

Now is the time for all Herald-Press Good Fellows to come to the party.

When that call went out the reply was quick and profitable.

The Herald-Press Good Fellow bookkeeping staff carefully looked up and down State street, around the corner of the office and checked all the corners to be sure that no one was looking. Then mysteriously came a ten spot into the Good Fellow fund that hiked the total to \$760.

That means that as we enter the magic month of December, the month in which Christmas eve is a mighty big milestone, we are \$2,740 from our goal of \$3,500.

Good Fellows, December and Christmas all go together. The Good Fellows dig down deep to raise upwards of \$5,000 each December so that Christmas will be a bright spot in the lives

of so many young and old.

There was no identification of the donor of the ten spot but it's tucked away in Good Fellow lore that the annual Christmas campaign is this person's favorite charity. The gift was especially timely because with the end of the deer hunting season, the last opportunity to put up the storm windows, put the garden hose away, etc. folks were too busy to get their donations in.

## NOW IS THE TIME

From now on there will be a steady stream of cash and checks following a tradition 40 years old. All of these gifts will find their way into someone's stocking for Christmas. The Good Fellow slogan has been "stamp out empty stockings on Christmas eve and you will step lighter for the rest of the year."

So harken to that call: "Now is the time for all Good Fellows to come to the party."

Sanitary Cleaners	\$10.00
Lake View Matron, Lake	
View Barrister	5.00
USC over U of M in	
1970 Rose Bowl	70.00
Chiefs over Vikings,	
(MWS over WJB)	10.00
Ashley Ford Sales, Inc.	
first strawberries	200.00
Bendix UAW local	
383	25.00
Kathy Kemp's Con-	
tinental Salon	10.00
U of M over MSU	
(WJB over WBL)	10.00
David Bard, Union Pier	10.00
Frank Bard, Union Pier	10.00
F&M Bank	50.00
Victory Chap., Mothers	
of World War II	5.00
St. Joseph Education	
association	150.00
Czechoslovak Beseda	

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## Pilot Error Blamed In 5 St. Joseph Deaths

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Transportation and Safety board said the reason a plane crashed 19 months ago and killed five St. Joseph, Mich., residents was because the pilot tried to operate with known equipment deficiencies.

The Transportation and Safety Board Monday issued an official statement on the crash in the Cumberland

Mountain near Crossville, Tenn. Killed were the pilot, Joseph Stueland, 47, his wife Shirley, 45, their two sons, Joseph, 17, and Jeffrey, 12, and a friend, Fredrick Crow, 17.

The twin-engine Aero Commander was bound from Ross Field in Benton Harbor for a vacation trip in the Bahamas. The crash was March 29, 1969.

The Transportation and Safety Board said the pilot entered known icing conditions with no propeller deicers or air-frame deicers on the aircraft. The board said the pilot had been provided with a substantially correct forecast of adverse weather.

Stueland was president of the Beaudoin-Stueland Electric Co. of St. Joseph.

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The manager's philosophical

## Teen Sent To Prison For Shooting Student

A prison term of four to 10 years was imposed yesterday on M.C. Woods, 19, for shooting a fellow Benton Harbor high school student in a school hallway Nov. 20, 1969.

Woods had pleaded guilty to assault with intent to do great bodily harm and was sentenced by Judge Chester J. Byrns.

The judge told Woods: "But for the grace of God, you could have been before me facing a mandatory life sentence on a first-degree murder charge conviction."

Judge Byrns blamed the shooting on "bad blood" between the assailant and the victim, Chester Dossett, 17. Dossett was shot in the abdomen and was hospitalized two weeks.

The judge also cited the ready availability of weapons and said the sentence was not the maximum because of Woods' work and conduct record and his feelings of remorse.

Woods originally was charged with assault with intent to murder before pleading guilty to the lesser count. Woods testified that

he had skipped school and had been drinking with a friend. He then went to the high school and had a confrontation with Dossett who accused him of drinking.

"I just figures, he'll get me sooner or later," Woods told the court when he entered a guilty plea earlier this month.

Woods, a transfer student from St. Louis, Mo., surrendered about four hours after the shooting. He was suspended from school immediately.

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Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindendorf, Managing Editor

He Made Printing  
And Living Fine Arts

Roscoe J. Burch belied the old adage that "a rolling stone gathers no moss." He rolled all over Southwestern Michigan during his life span of 92 years—but he built two distinguished careers for himself: one in business, the other as a leader of Michigan Masonry.

He was born in South Haven in 1878, moved with his parents to Dowagiac. There, as a teenager, he became an apprentice printer. Later he helped his father publish the Dowagiac Republican, a newspaper.

Grown to manhood, he moved to Berrien county and at various times owned and published newspapers at Galien, Buchanan and Bridgman. He came to Benton Harbor from Bridgman in 1933, buying out the R. J. Lass Printing Co. He formed Burch Printers, subsequently adding the venerable W. G. Smith print shop to his operation.

Today Burch Printers, now run by Roscoe Burch's son Randall of St. Joseph, is one of the largest and most versatile printing plants in western Michigan. The firm represents distinguished management and technical ability on the part of both father and son.

While he worked long hours at the printing trade, Roscoe Burch was also devoting a great deal of time to public service through the Masonic Lodge. So great were his contributions that in 1946 he was elected Master of Michigan Masons. He also received the 33rd degree of Masonry, an honorary award that is the highest the lodge can confer. His work in the lodge earned him friends not only throughout Michigan, but across the U.S., as well. He knew and liked President Harry S. Truman, another 33rd degree Mason.

In retirement the last 17 years, Mr. Burch and wife Audrey had spent their winters in Ft. Myers, Fla. He died there Sunday, having outlived most of his contemporaries. His was a long and useful life. Not the least of his contributions lay in simply being an extraordinarily fine human being: friendly, honest and thoughtful of his fellow man. He made both printing and living fine arts.

The Blue Denim Jungle  
Is Catching On Fire

A federal court in San Francisco holds a hearing this Friday on a complaint that the civil rights of John Clutchette, one of the "Soledad brothers," were violated by prison disciplinary action. The hearing highlights a widespread problem across the U.S.—the need for prison reform.

"If we kept our animals in the Central Park Zoo in the way we cage fellow human beings in the Tombs, a citizens' committee would be organized, and prominent community leaders would be protesting the inhumanity of our society," So wrote William J. vanden Heuvel in a Nov. 17 report to Mayor John V. Lindsay on conditions in New York City's jail.

Demands for reform of the nation's penitentiaries and jails have long been heard from penologists and correctional personnel. "Jails and prisons in the United States today are more often than not manufacturers of crime," writes former Attorney General Ramsey Clark in a statement that sums up the prevailing view.

Whoopers Return

The vigil is on again at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas and observers are watching anxiously as the whooping cranes return from their breeding grounds in Canada. More than 60 of the rare and majestic birds flew north last spring.

The whoopers, which in a bygone area darkened the skies on their migratory flights, have more recently been threatened by extinction. Their number had dropped as low as 15 since the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service started a semi-annual census in 1939, but last spring's count was a record high for recent years.

Scientists are hopeful that all the migrants will survive the hazards which beset their 2,500-mile flypath and that they will bring with them many new additions to the family.

That will give both the cranes and their human guardians something to whoop about.

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GLANCING BACKWARDS

MAXICOAT WINNER

—1 Year Ago—  
The maxicoat has overtaken and passed the mini in the fashion popularity sweepstakes and looks like a runaway winner according to London fashion houses. You might call it the granny look.

"We are selling six maxicoats to every four short coats," the manager of one department store coat department reports. Another women wear store call the maxicoat a monster success, which is here to stay.

RUSS ORBIT 3RD SPACE SHIP

—30 Years Ago—  
A third Soviet space ship carrying animal passengers was launched into orbit today. The Russians said the vehicle was shot aloft for research.

Two dogs were aboard the five-ton orbiting vehicle, Tass said. There was no word on whether Soviet scientists will try to bring either the dogs or the ship back to earth. Two canine passengers were returned from orbit in August. Laika, the first Soviet space dog sent up two years ago, perished in space.

STEVENSVILLE WINS, 36-26

—30 Years Ago—  
The Stevensville Cardinals broke the seal on their 1940-41 schedule here last night with a double-barreled win over the Edwardsburg high school quintet.

Coach Marshall Shearer's varsity squad wasn't pressed too closely in its 36 to 26 win, but the Cardinal reserves were forced to battle until the last

half minute to take a 23 to 21 decision.

GO TO FLORIDA

—60 Years Ago—  
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Macheimer and daughter, Maxine, of 821 Lake boulevard, left today for St. Petersburg, Fla., to spend several months.

BROKE

—50 Years Ago—  
The municipal purse of the city of St. Joseph is very lean, in fact flat. Not only is there no money in the treasury, but there is no prospect of much coming, it developed at a meeting of the city council. Authorization was given to borrow \$9,000 from the banks.

SELLS LAND

—60 Years Ago—  
William McNeal of Berrien Center has sold 20 acres of his farm to Mr. Merrill off the east end where the buildings are. The consideration was \$2,000. It was formerly the late Isaac Jinks farm and is three miles east of Eau Claire.

CLOSE DOCK

—50 Years Ago—  
Messrs. E. A. Graham and company have closed up their dock for the winter and have removed to their comfortable and well furnished office over Howard & Pearl's drug store.

HENRY CATHCART

Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — The elections that disappointed Republican congressmen most this fall were not in the national headlines the day after the voters went to the polls. But their results could effectively kill any chance the GOP has of taking control of the House of representatives in the decade ahead.

The elections in question were for seats in state legislatures which will draw congressional district lines next year. The Democrats won control of 24 legislatures, the Republicans 17. In half a dozen states each party controls one house. In Washington state the margin is still undecided, with Democrats holding a slight edge. In

Nebraska, the one-house legislature is elected on a non-partisan basis.

Republicans were counting on GOP legislatures in key states to a portion congressional districts in a way as to favor their candidates, as was the case in New York state last year.

Fast with the court-ordered reapportionment, the Republican-controlled legislature shifted traditionally GOP voters into the Long Island district of liberal Democrat Rep. Alard Lowenstein, placed a Democratic incumbent in a district with a Republican incumbent, and created a district without an incumbent in GOP territory. The result was Lowenstein was defeated and John Terry, a Republican, was elected in the district without an incumbent.

With California set to gain five new congressmen in 1972 because of the recent census results, the GOP was waiting gleefully for the time to draw new district lines.

They will remembered how the Democrats, who controlled the legislature 10 years ago, sketched boundaries so that a slight 16 to 14 Democratic edge in the California congressional delegation in 1961 became a 25 to 13 edge in 1963.

In the mid-1960s Republicans in California began working on winning state Senate and Assembly seats and they proved quite successful. By 1968 the GOP held a slight edge in both Houses and with the popular Gov. Ronald Reagan leading the ticket in 1970 prospects for Republican map making looked good.

But the campaign was not the walk away victory for Reagan that Republicans expected. He won by a comfortable half million votes, but Republicans lost seats in both Houses, especially in areas where high unemployment hurt the party in power. The Democrats now control the legislature.

The Republican governor has a veto power so the reapportionment should be reasonable fair. But it won't be Republicans in Washington expected.

Factographs

Frances Perkins was the first woman member of a U.S. presidential cabinet.

The Julian calendar is named after Julius Caesar.

Billy the Kid was really William Bonney a New Mexican "bad man" of the 1880s.

Buckler, greave, hauberk and gauntlet are all parts of men's armor.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1—A stately Spanish dance.  
2—Yes.  
3—A piece of broken pottery.  
4—Pisces, the Fishes.  
5—A variable star in the constellation Perseus.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

- 1—What is a pavan?
- 2—Is a carat a unit of weight?
- 3—What is a potsherd?
- 4—What is the twelfth sign of the zodiac?
- 5—What is Algot?

IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1941 the U.S. Civil Air Patrol was organized.

IT'S BEEN SAID

The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything. —Edward Phelps.

YOUR FUTURE

Your steady good fortune and personal happiness should be maintained. Today's child will have a highly moral character.

BORN TODAY

For some who can't recall his name, Rex Stout is known to mystery and detective novel fans—and some who aren't—as the creator of Nero Wolfe, the adipose detective and orchid-fancier who solves all his cases at home and employs the likeable Archie Goodwin to do his leg work.

Stout was born in Noblesville, Ind., in 1898. Educated in public schools, he got his first job as an office boy and then a store clerk. In succession, he tried such jobs as a bookkeeper, sailor, hotel manager, inventor and employee of a "thrift system."

He returned to the sea in 1906 when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy at 20. His biography says he purchased his discharge

from the Navy in 1908.

Stout became the master of ceremonies of the radio program "Speaking of Liberty" for the Council for Democracy in the early days of World War II and followed this up with "Voice of Freedom" radio program for Freedom House the next year.

Stout, as chairman of the Writers' War Board, became well-known as the "Lie Detective" of a CBS war program "Our Secret Weapon." The program debunked Nazi propaganda.

His first novel was "How Like a God" which appeared in 1929, but it was in 1934 that Nero Wolfe made his first appearance in "Fer-de-Lance." Since that time, he and Archie have solved many later cases, including "Some Buried Caesar," "Three Doors to Death" and "Before Midnight."

Other books include "Not Quite Dead Enough," "The Golden Spiders," "And Four to Go," "The Final Deduction," "Homicide Trinity," "Trio for Blunt Instruments" and "The Doorbell Rang."

Others born today include Mary Martin, Cyril Ritchard and Woody Allen.

WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

PERCEPTIVE -- (per-SEP-tiv) — adjective; having the power of perceiving, or gaining knowledge of through one of the senses.

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking  
Of Your Health

Only an all-out drive can avert a near-calamitous situation that exists in many hospitals in America.

The problem is the danger of blood transfusions with blood taken from derelicts, prostitutes, skid row winos, and drug addicts.

These pathetic people—out of sheer desperation, sell their blood for the price of a bottle of liquor, or a heroin "fix."

Unauthorized private and un-inspected blood bank companies buy a pint of blood for three to five dollars, and then sell it to hospitals for five times as much.

Periods of desperate shortage make such sales to hospitals necessary, even though the possibility of serum hepatitis from such blood is a hazard.

There is one way that patients can be spared this potential danger: Families of patients in need of transfusions can give them, and others, a truly significant hospital gift. By donating extra pints of blood, the blood bank level can be kept up with healthier blood, free of contamination.

Once the cycle of giving blood is established, young people are insuring the safety of their elders. Later, they themselves can be given the same insurance.

Healthy people can give a pint of blood at regular intervals without the slightest danger to themselves.

An all-out educational campaign will show these young people the reward of giving, and obviate the dangers of the

present situation.

Warnings about the dangers of plastic bags used as toys by children have been very effective. Deaths from suffocation have been tremendously reduced since this hazard was pointed out.

Another danger now threatens youngsters who are tempted to get "high" by sniffing.

Many cases have been reported of teenagers who die by inhaling airplane glue, cleaning fluids, and a variety of other substances that come out of aerosol cans.

These hydro-carbons are sprayed into a plastic bag, then snuffed. Death can occur quickly from suffocation and from the inhalation of these chemicals.

The frequency with which this occurs is startling evidence of how thrill seekers are toying with lives.

Public health officials call this new threat the "sudden sniffing death syndrome" and plead with parents and educators to bring this problem out into the open.

Only by talking about it and pointing out its extreme danger can more of these deaths be avoided.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH:** Falling out of bed is a frequent danger to the elderly. Protective bed rails can prevent some of these serious injuries.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 854		♠ A Q J 10 9 2	
♥ J 9 8 3		♥ 7 6	
♦ K 7 6		♦ J 10 8	
♣ A Q 5		♣ K 7	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ K 6		♠ A K Q 10 4	
♥ 5 2		♥ A Q 5	
♦ 9 4 3 2		♦ 9 4 3	
♣ J 10 8 6 2			

The bidding:  
East 1 ♠ 2 ♥ Pass  
South 2 ♥ 3 ♥ 4 ♥  
West Pass  
North 3 ♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

To play a hand perfectly without seeing the opponents' cards is undoubtedly the mark of a good player, but nevertheless it is not such a difficult task as is sometimes assumed.

There are many deals where this can be achieved. Ample clues furnished by the bidding — and the story implicit in the cards already played — permit the declarer, in effect, to see through the backs of the cards.

Thus, South can reach a position in today's hand where he can foretell that making the

contract — which earlier seemed in doubt — has become a sure thing.

Let's say that East overtakes the king of spades, cashes the queen and continues with the jack. Declarer ruffs high, draws two rounds of trumps, and cashes the A-K-Q of diamonds and ace of clubs.

He then crosses to his hand with a trump and leads a club to the queen, which loses to East's king. Since East has only spades left and is forced to lead one, South shakes his club loser as he ruffs in dummy to make the contract.

That East is forced to give declarer a ruff and discard at the tail end of the hand may seem an accidental development, but, actually, South knows perfectly well when he plays the queen of clubs from dummy that he has the contract firmly in tow. It does not really matter to him whether East or West has the king of clubs.

The earlier plays have told declarer that East started with six spades, two hearts and three diamonds, and that East therefore cannot have started with more than two clubs. By playing in the recommended fashion, South assures the contract beyond the shadow of a doubt, but note that if he simply relies upon an early club finesse he loses two club tricks and goes down one.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

There's a secretary for one of the U.N. delegations who likes to eat his breakfast roll and scan the morning newspaper while sitting on the steps of the New York Public Library. He's accustomed to reading between the lions.

A famous movie star whose name had been coupled for romantic interludes with every beauty in Hollywood entered a Long Island hospital for a checkup and was fawned upon and babied by every nurse in the institution.

One particularly attractive nurse was at his side, it seemed, every time he stirred. When he finally indicated that he'd like to be alone for just a little while, she told him, "Now if you want anything at all, you need only pull this cord."

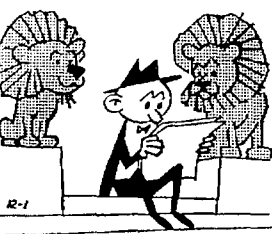
He gave her his patented irresistible smile and said, "Thank you, my dear. What is the cord attached to?" She smiled back and answered, "Me."

QUOTABLE:

Remember that a dollar earned today is 75 cents saved tomorrow. —James Reston.

One benefit of the youth revolt: it's stopped a lot of people from bragging about their children. —Zsa Zsa Horntoot.

A man should make it clear that he means what he's saying. I never heard anybody yell "ouch" without enthusiasm. —F. Clark.



WILLIAM RITT

You're  
Telling Me!

A rain dance, scheduled by a group of Australian aborigines because of a long dry spell, had to be called off as result of a heavy rainfall just before it could begin. What's this — an instant PRE-play?

As far as we can determine, that seems to be the first time a rain dance was called off because of rain.

Today's average American is said to annually enjoy about 1,000 more hours of leisure than did his grandfather. Don't know what you think about that, but we'd say that's progress!



## Urge BH Sell Fruit Market

### Accountants Issue Report

The financially strapped City of Benton Harbor has been urged by its accounting firm to sell the fruit market and to phase out its existing pension plans.

The recommendations were presented as a review of the recent audit by W.E. Smith of the Benton Harbor certified public accounting firm of Herkner, Smith, Miskill & Johnson.

Commissioners took no immediate action on recommendations, but instructed City Manager Don Stewart to prepare a comprehensive report on all areas of government involving financial outlays and possible cuts.

#### MILLAGE ELECTION

Action taken was a step toward calling a millage election, aimed at securing more money to meet increases to police, ordered by an arbitration panel, and possibly to other employees.

Mayor Wilbert Smith said a special session will be called

within two weeks to study the auditor's report. Smith said a tax millage proposal possibly could be approved by the Dec. 14 regular commission session. This would get the issue on the ballot in February, or in time to meet initial eight per cent pay hikes to police next July 1. Another eight per cent hike is to come Jan. 1, 1972.

It was announced earlier that the city last year had a net operating deficit of \$231,600.

The auditing firm's report on the Benton Harbor fruit market stated:

"A review of the permanent public improvement fund balance sheet indicates fund equity of \$262,066. This fund equity is represented by a receivable from the Market Authority of \$275,214. Since there is little hope to immediately reduce the Market Authority receivable, any projects undertaken by permanent public improvement fund must be financed out of current revenues.

"The city has a large investment in the Benton Harbor market from which the spendable cash flow will be minimal. Any direct benefit to city taxpayers is questionable. A possible solution would be to sell the market to the county or to the state, and liquidate the debt."

Stewart said the city's investment in the new market off Territorial road is \$943,000. Stewart said packages moved through the market and the number of users have decreased over the past seven years. He said reported financial gains are "illusory" because of the inflated dollar.

Smith said a business investing \$943,000 would want at least a \$100,000 return.

Commissioner Greg Longpre questioned where the accounting firm was when the new market was built. Longpre also noted that sentiment, including the press, strongly supported building and operating a new city market when the old site in the former "flats" area was vacated under urban renewal.

Commissioner F. Joseph Flaugh commented that the market has brought many "intangible" benefits to Benton Harbor through its association with the market.

On pension funds, the auditor's report stated:

"The city's financial condition is further impaired by its inability to meet current contribution requirements of the pension funds. The annual additional requirements, not being funded at present, are between \$275,000 and \$325,000. Since the past service liability is unfunded, this additional requirement mentioned will increase each year."

#### SUGGESTIONS

The following were suggested for consideration:

"1. Terminate both plans for all new employees and establish a new plan for subsequently hired policemen and firemen. All newly-hired general city employees would be covered by social security only. The old pension plans would be continued for presently covered employees, but would eventually liquidate and terminate.

"2. If the old plan is continued, ask the city voters to authorize an additional five mills for pension purposes.

"3. Explore the possibility of becoming a part of the state plan."

The report concluded that the city is in "serious financial position" and, in summary, must establish new sources of revenue or operate with limited services.

Commissioner Longpre argued that pension plans are a way of life, and general employees are as vital as police or firemen. Longpre also exclaimed that if pensions were dropped, police would have demanded a 36 per cent pay hike over two years instead of 16 per cent.

Manager Stewart said he is

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**FOR NEEDY CHILDREN:** Toys and other playthings for children from 30 Twin Cities families are shown above after repairs have been made by a group of senior citizens. Bassett Boggs, who lives in Harbor Towers, Benton Harbor, did much of the repair work on used toys. Mrs. Betty Clemmons, kneeling, is Tri-CAP senior citizen's specialist who heads tri-county senior citizens center in Benton Harbor. (Staff photo)

## Gifts For Needy

## Santa Claus Aided By Senior Citizens

Children from the Twin Cities area will receive some Christmas presents early when senior citizens from Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties

### Grouse Hunting Reopened Today

Grouse season reopened today in southwestern Michigan. Game experts list Allegan and Barry counties as the best in the department of natural resources' Plainwell district.

The grouse season hasn't decreased substantially from the regular season, but over the past two years, few hunters have taken advantage of the extended December season.

play Santa Claus Dec. 18.

The group of older tri-county residents has spent the past few weeks repairing and fixing-up used toys and play equipment to give children from about 30 inner-city families.

Meeting at the Tri-County Community Action Program (Tri-CAP) senior citizen's center, the adults have dolls and toys for children who might not otherwise have a special Christmas.

Mrs. Betty Clemmons, Tri-CAP senior citizen specialist, said families had been referred to the group by the Berrien county Department of Social Services.

Gifts will be distributed at the Christmas party Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Tri-CAP headquarters, 720 E. Main street, Benton Harbor. Refreshments

will also be served.

Mrs. Clemmons said two other special Christmas parties are also being planned; one in Berrien and one in Van Buren county. Van Buren senior citizens will sponsor a Christmas party on Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. in the Covert Community church.

The Berrien County Advisory Council to Tri-CAP also has plans for a party for disadvantaged area residents. Mrs. Gladys Bailey said the date for the party would be announced later but donations for holiday baskets are being accepted at the Tri-CAP offices.

### Traffic Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Dec. 1 State Police Count:  
This Year 2,008 Last Year 2,260

## SJ Commission Delays Choice Of Proposals

### Two Groups Submit Plans For Lot Development

St. Joseph city commissioners last night postponed for two more weeks their choice between two professional groups competing to develop a former Urban Renewal lot in downtown St. Joseph.

City Manager Leland Hill told commissioners the original offer, from the Benton Harbor law firm of Butzbaugh, Page & Butzbaugh, now called for a building between 6,000 and 10,000 square feet in area. This is an increase over their original proposal for 4,200 square feet. The firm also increased their original \$2,500 deposit to \$10,000, Hill said.

Placed in contention with the Butzbaugh plan was one from a group of five parties proposing a building of "approximately 20,000 square feet and distributed over probably three or four levels."

The parties identified themselves as the St. Joseph law firms of Ryan, McQuillan & Vanderploeg; Taylor & Taylor; and Patrick J. Kinney, as well as Kovtun, Maki & McMurray, certified public accountants. A fifth professional firm was not named. The group submitted a \$2,500 deposit.

#### TIME NEEDED

Commissioner Richard Glo-bensky proposed a delay to allow the commission time to consider the new proposal. In an appearance two weeks ago, Attorney Patrick J. Kinney and David Vanderploeg had suggested the possibility of a second offer to purchase the lot.

Kinney last night said the group would need at least 30 days to select an architect to draw up preliminary plans. Commissioners, however, granted the request of Atty. Alfred M. Butzbaugh for just a two-week delay.

Butzbaugh said the other side "has had more than a week to do something about this." He presented his firm's plan to the commission on Oct. 26.

In response to comments from commissioners, Kinney asserted his group is "very interested" in the property and would be willing to make a larger deposit to prove it.

#### LOT DESCRIBED

The lot consists of the south half-block, on Port street, behind the Michigan Employment Security commission offices. Its 37,488 square feet will sell at \$37,488, or \$1 a square foot, by Urban Renewal regulations.

Commission criticism of the Butzbaugh plan centers on its size. Commissioner Warren Gast last night said even with the proposed increase, "The building capacity still looks insufficient."

In other business, commissioners authorized City Attorney Arthur G. Preston Jr. to contest a \$1 million suit against the city and a Benton Harbor bank.

The suit was filed in Berrien circuit court by James E. Williams of Coloma, who claims his arrest on a charge of

## BH Father Must Pay Off ADC

A Benton Harborite was ordered Monday in Berrien circuit court to begin paying off a \$563.50 support arrearage for one child on ADC, according to Berrien Friend of the Court John Schoenhals.

Stanlin M. Shockley was found in contempt of court by Judge Karl F. Zick for non-payment of support, was placed on six months' probation to Schoenhals and was ordered to continue \$20 weekly support payments plus \$2 weekly on the arrearage.

The child is Shockley's by a former marriage.

## Ten Guns Are Taken In Burglary

Over \$1,300 in guns and hunting equipment was taken in a burglary of the Alva Heigle home, Route 3, Maple lane, Benton Harbor yesterday, Berrien sheriff's Deputy George Vollrath reported.

Vollrath said the weapons consisted of 10 guns taken from a gun cabinet. Also missing were a Siamese kitten, a shotgun barrel, three hunting knives and two gun cases.

Terry Zick of route 2, Blue Creek road, Benton Harbor, reported two guns taken from his home, Benton township police said. Also taken were a watch and three knives.

## Draft Meet Due At LMC

A draft counseling session will be held at Lake Michigan college tomorrow, conducted by Gasiu Milanowski of Grand Rapids, according to Steve Hansen, a member of the committee sponsoring the event.

Milanowski will be in room C-132 at noon Wednesday to speak on selective service and answer questions on deferments, physicals, acceptability and conscientious objections.

## 'Where's My Gun?'

## Muskrat Trapper

## Found Alive, Well

The owner of a boat found in the Paw Paw river has been located alive and well, Berrien sheriff's marine officer L.L. William Bellman reported today.

Bellman said the owner, Robert Wilcox of 3082 Pipestone road, Sodus, was checking traps on the Paw Paw river, when his boat was discovered.

Bellman said the sheriff's department showed some concern, because an empty boat sometimes means someone may have fallen overboard.

The marine patrol was preparing to search the river

yesterday when Wilcox telephoned the sheriff's department to report his shotgun missing.

A Benton Harbor resident spotted the boat on the Paw Paw river Sunday, with a loaded shotgun and several dead muskrats in it. The resident turned the gun over to deputies.

Wilcox said he was checking traps and returned about 45 minutes later to discover the shotgun missing. Wilcox moved the boat.

The boat and muskrats were missing when deputies went to investigate.

# Area Industrialists Told Of Drug Abuse Problems

By DICK DERRICK  
SJ City Editor

Intense interest in the problem of drug abuse in industry kept Dr. Edward Liebson of Detroit busy answering questions for nearly two hours last night.

Twin Cities Area Safety Council sponsored the address by Dr. Liebson, executive secretary of Narcotics Addiction Rehabilitation Coordinating organization, (NARCO) before 80 representatives of area industries last night at Win Schuler's restaurant, Stevensville.

Dr. Liebson said: "Companies are not to be expected to try and do a job for drug abusers in rehabilitation unless it is going to work in three principal areas:

#### MUST HELP ABUSER

"1.—It has to work for the benefit of the individual drug abuser, which is a sizable problem in itself;

"2.—It has to work to assist the fellow worker. We describe drug abuse as a contagious disease, and it is. We have to be

concerned if that fellow employee is going to catch that disease from that person when he comes in.

"3.—You have a responsibility to your firm. Some of these drug abusers who are on rehabilitation programs may work very well. And they may help in terms of doing a good day's work. To that degree I think you have a responsibility to think about them as a potential employee.

"On the other hand," he said, "if they are feeding on your company I think you have a

### Coloma School Elects Officers

COLOMA — Raymond Elzroth has been elected president of the Coloma junior high school student council.

Other officers elected are Maureen Bishop, secretary; Dennis Prillwitz, treasurer; and Daryl Bailey, vice president.

responsibility of thinking about your profit margin too, because when the other employee finds themselves out of work that is not going to be fair for the people who are supporting your industry."

#### DETECTION

On detection Liebson said: "I think you have a couple of tools available to you. No. 1 — A physical examination by a competent physician who is attuned to it and who has somehow been given enough information so he recognizes some of the overt symptoms and second by a learning process which you have to develop. Then you would have the beginning hint of who the potential drug abusers are.

"Beyond that I think it is responsibility of the company to adopt a policy which would state whether or not they would then employ that person or whether or not they would attempt to provide him with some sort of liaison with a rehabilitation program.

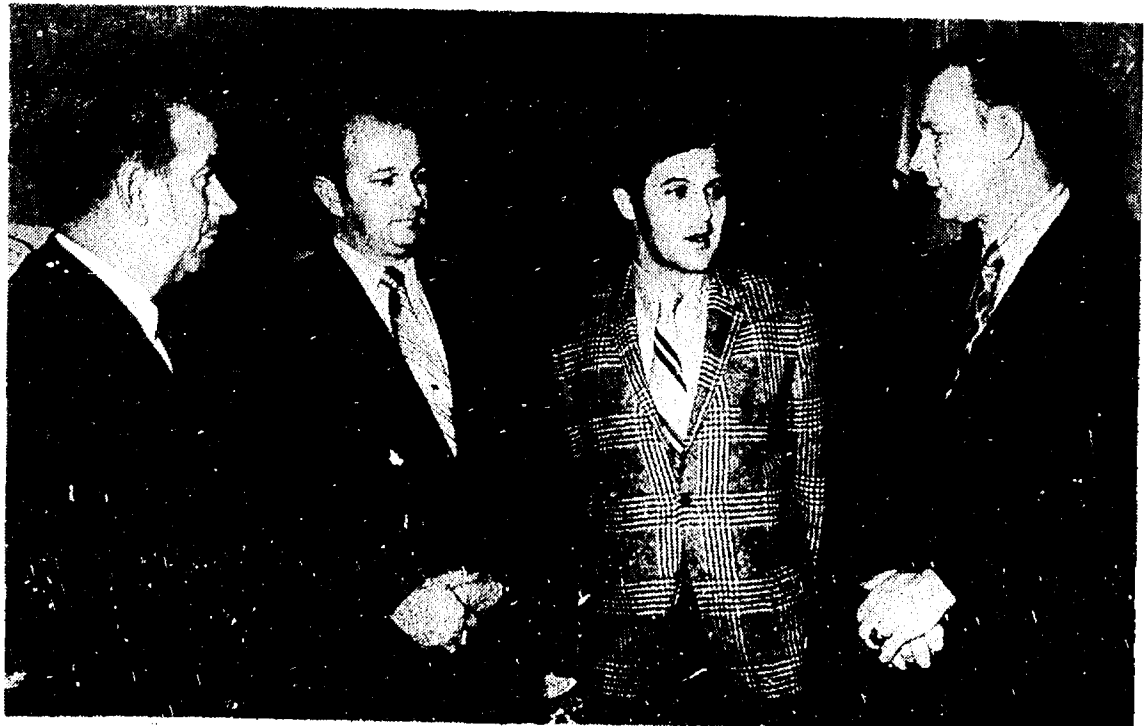
Robert Strumpler, executive director of the Safety Council,

asked how industry can go about identifying drug users already employed and "how do we get to them before they infect other employees?" He added: "It seems to me that it will come down to the supervisors or line foreman who is the least informed on how to proceed."

#### MUST BE AWARE

Liebson replied "I think the line supervisors have to be aware of all the symptomatology and they also have to be aware of some basic psychological principals so that they recognize any kind of alteration in a person's behavior. Usually behavior is the first clue to someone using drugs," he said.

Strumpler said at the outset that if meetings such as the address on drugs are to be of any value they must be followed by conferences, seminars or training sessions "where we attempt to inform, train and educate people." He asked industrial representatives to advise him of the need, and he promised to set up the sessions.



**TOPIC IS DRUGS:** Area law enforcement officers discuss drug use and abuse with Dr. Edward Liebson following his address to representatives of industry at meeting sponsored by Twin Cities Area

Safety Council. From left are Benton Twp. Police Chief Joe Sieber, Berrien Sheriff Nick Jewell, Dr. Liebson and Sgt. Carl Hulander, commander of the Benton Harbor state police post. (Staff photo)

## Coloma Election Offers 2 Choices

### Unveil School Building Plan

COLOMA — Two building bond issue proposals amounting to \$3,425,000 were approved last night by the Coloma school board for submission to school district voters.

Approval came at a special board meeting after six building projects were ruled essential to meet the district's educational

needs. Schools Superintendent William Barrett said Jan. 25 had been scheduled as a tentative date for the election. But, he said final approval is subject to review by the state education department.

The two-pronged package involves a \$2,418,800 proposal to

finance five of the six projects and a \$1,006,200 issue to finance the sixth.

Covered by the largest issue would be construction of a 650-student junior high school; a 350-student middle school; a library for the Coloma grade school; a library for the Washington school and an addition to the Pier school.

The second proposal would cover financing of a proposed gymnasium - classroom building.

**CHOICE OFFERED**  
School board member Richard Eastman who led the drive to split the issue for presentation to voters said, "I believe that we haven't given the voters a chance to make a choice before. We've offered them one big package and they could either accept it or reject it. Now they'll have a choice."

Eastman said "We need the classrooms now and we have to get them. We can't afford to have the whole issue defeated."

The board member initially proposed the issue be divided into three parts, but was overruled by the rest of the board. The decision for the two issue proposal followed.

Voters in the district have three times previously rejected a building bond proposal. The last defeat came June 8 and involved a \$2.4 million package. A citizens committee and school officials have been working on the presentation of the new package since.

If approved, Barrett said the cost to voters would amount to 5.5 mills additional per year for the life of the issues. A mill is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 of equalized property value.

**SPECIFIC PROJECTS**  
A breakdown of the projects showed:

1. The junior high school for 8-9th grade students would be located behind the present high school and consist of 53,000 square feet. It would include 14 classrooms, 6 science rooms, 2 homeliving classes, 1 reading room, 1 special education room, 1 library, 1 eating area, 1 serving kitchen, toilet facilities for boys and girls, 5 storage areas, guidance and administrative offices. Total cost, \$1,246,500.

2. A building, located between the present high school and the proposed new junior high building, containing 37,360 square feet, housing 175 students which consists of 1 gymnasium, 4 teaching stations, 1 welding class, 1 reading classroom, 1 library, 1 eating area, 1 serving kitchen, toilet facilities for boys and girls, 5 storage areas, guidance and administrative offices. Total cost, \$1,006,200.

3. The middle school containing 31,570 square feet, to house 350 seventh grade students. The building would be constructed across and in front of the present gymnasium utilizing the old tennis court site. It would contain, 4 science rooms, 8 general classrooms, 1 homeliving class, 1 special education class, 1 library, 1 set of toilets for boys and girls, a storage area, kitchen, lunch room, and two offices. Total cost, \$789,000.

4. One library, containing 2,000 square feet, to be added to Coloma Elementary, total cost, \$50,000.

5. One library, containing 2,000 square feet, to be added to Washington school, total cost, \$50,000.

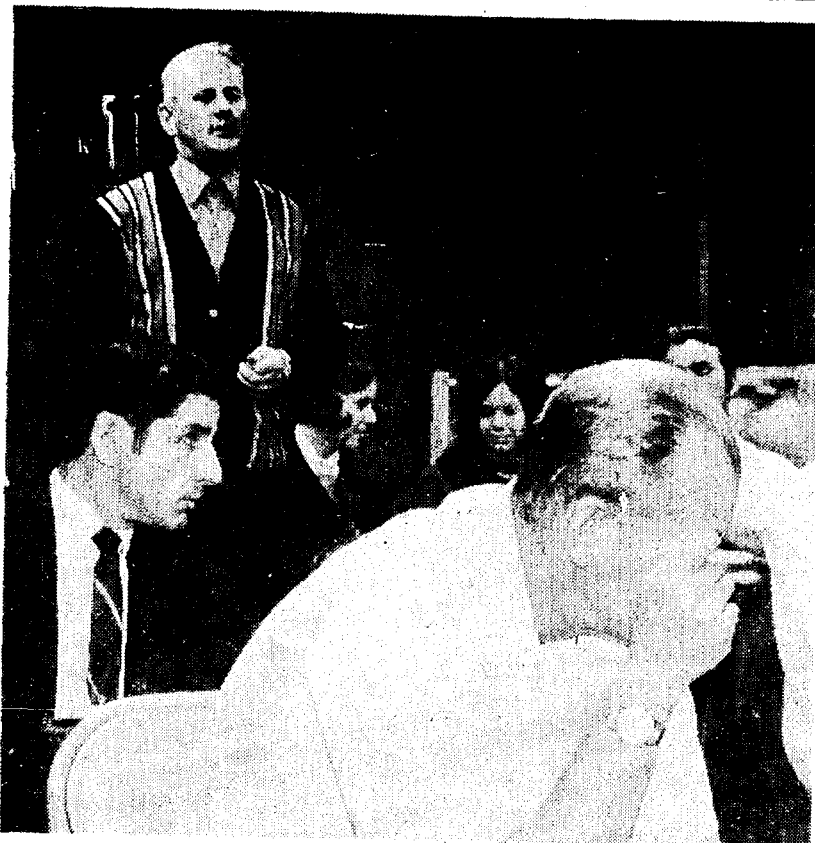
6. Addition to Pier Elementary, consisting of 6,500 square feet, to house 150 students. Involved would be 3 classrooms, 1 kindergarten room, 1 library, 1 set of gang toilets. Total cost, \$150,000.

If the bond issues are approved, construction would begin around April 15, and be completed by September, 1973.

The school board will meet Monday, at 9 p.m. for a short meeting to decide how they will inform the voters on the need for passage of the bond issues.

**Eight Books Given Away At Buchanan**  
BUCHANAN — Books were given to eight persons visiting Buchanan public library during its observance of national book week.

Librarian Mrs. Claude Lauer identified the eight as Mrs. Mary Williams and Brad Miller, and students Cara Hankila, Debbie Mosier, Randy Bicard, Gary Summers, Sherrie Heezen and Basil Withers.



**INTIMATES SCHOOL TO CLOSE:** Peter DeGroot, standing, a board member of Watervliet St. Joseph Catholic school, told Coloma community school board Monday that grades seven and eight of the parish school may be closed. Coloma Superintendent William Barrett said that would add about 50 students to the Coloma junior high school. DeGroot said the parochial school is having difficulty covering teachers' salaries. (Cliff Stevens photo)

## Coloma Board Told

### Parochial Classes May Be Dropped

COLOMA — The possibility of having parochial students from Watervliet St. Joseph Catholic school shifted into the Coloma

### Teachers' Suit Due In Court

Hearing Dec. 7 In Van Buren

PAW PAW — A Dec. 7 Van Buren circuit court hearing has been scheduled in a lawsuit filed by three teachers against the Paw Paw school board and the school district.

The teachers contend the schools violated provisions of employment contracts in dismissing them in 1969 following defeat of a millage request presented to voters.

The trio seek a partial summary judgment in the new hearing on grounds the district has not presented a valid defense.

The three, Marc Yunker, Linda Lound and Judith Zirnke, filed the suit in March asking for a total of \$25,000 in damages.

Yunker and Lound said they signed teaching contracts in June 1969 which were later repudiated by the school after the millage was rejected.

Zirnke alleges that after teaching for two years in the system she was released without a mandatory 60-day notice. She was later rehired by the school board in October 1969.

### Four Firms Are Warned By Kelley

LANSING (AP) — Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley issued cease and desist orders Monday against four firms accused of engaging in "false, misleading or deceptive advertising."

Kelley cited Park Lane of Pontiac, Major Construction Co. of Traverse City and Ithaca, Electro and Grand Sew Vac Center of Lansing and Rex Sewing Center of Traverse City.

The attorney general warned that failure to at least begin to stop the objectionable practices within 48 hours of the orders would result in action seeking injunctions.

Continued violation could result in a \$1,000 fine, Kelley said.

## Cass County Cracks Down On Non-Filers

### Prosecutor Getting List Of 39 Candidates

By STEVE McQUOWN  
Paw Paw Bureau

CASSOPOLIS — Names of 32 township level political candidates in Cass county are to be turned over to the prosecutor's office after today by County Clerk Kenneth Poe.

Poe said the 39 have failed to file reports of their campaign expenses, as required by law, by the deadline of Nov. 23. He said he would submit the names to the prosecutor for review.

**MISDEMEANOR CHARGE**  
"What the prosecutor wants to do about them is up to him," Poe said. The law labels it a misdemeanor not to file the reports.

Poe said that his office sent forms to each candidate, and on each was typed instructions on how to complete the form and a reminder of the deadline for filing.

At deadline, 47 candidates had not filed. In the following week eight tardy reports were received.

**JUDGE FILES LATE**  
Included in the eight were the reports of county Probate Judge Wilson Eby, and Silver Creek township candidates, Kenneth Ropp, commissioner, and Tom Brosnan, constable.

None of the eight reports listed any campaign expenses.

### Pipestone Twp. Names 2 Officials

EAU CLAIRE — Holding its first meeting since four members were sworn into office, the Pipestone township board last night appointed a deputy clerk and deputy treasurer.

Named deputy clerk was Carol Skibbe, wife of the newly-elected township clerk Richard Skibbe. Appointed deputy treasurer was Norma Hasse, wife of newly-elected treasurer Herbert Hasse.

Other new board members are Supervisor Hazen Harner, Jr., and trustee Patricia Kirk. It was reported Hasse will retain the position of township building inspector until a new man can be found to take the job.

**ANNOUNCE BIRTH**  
SOUTH HAVEN — Mr. and Mrs. Gary Steudle, 809 Wilson street, South Haven, announce the birth of a seven pound, eight ounce daughter, Betsy Lynn, at 12:45 a.m. Nov. 27 at Bronson hospital in Kalamazoo.

## Petitions Are Aimed At Safety

Follow Death At South Haven

By TOM RENNER  
South Haven Correspondent  
SOUTH HAVEN — A petition drive is underway urging city and school officials to improve traffic safety conditions for school children.

Mrs. Vadah King, 768 Center street, initiated the petition drive after seven-year-old Corinne Wabank was killed Nov. 20 when struck by a car while walking home from school.

The petitions request that the school dismissal time be changed so that it doesn't coincide with that of factories in the area. It also requests that sidewalks be constructed along the west side of Center street between Edgell and Elkburg streets and that crossing guards be placed at Elkburg and LaGrange and at Center and Elkburg.

The petition has been addressed to the city council, Mayor Richard Lewis, city manager Albert Pierce, the police department, the Parent-Teacher association, board of education and citizens of South Haven.

Petitions have been placed in several South Haven stores, including N. & R. Department store, 417 Phoenix street; Mae's Dress Shoppe, 269 Center street; Lamp Post Inn, 524 Phoenix street; and Lane's Barber shop, 305 Center street.

### FERNDALE

### U.S. Judge Won't Enter Case --- Now

DETROIT (AP) — A Federal Court judge refused to rule Monday on a petition presented by two Ferndale High School seniors asking the court to enforce their right to pass out antiwar literature in their school classrooms.

Judge Theodore Levin said he would "issue no process compelling the school to do anything" until the students, Jamie Linton and Julia Goodman, had exhausted all other possible remedies.

Levin said the pair should make presentations to the principal, superintendent and the board of education and that "if the board sits on it for any unreasonable length of time, this court will intervene."

The students had complained that they are required to ask permission from the principal each time they desire to pass out literature.

### Niles Soldier Retiring After 21 Year Hitch

NILES — MSgt. Earl E. Hite, a son of Mrs. Blanche Johnson, Niles, has retired from the army at Fort Richardson, Alaska. He has served more than 21 years on active duty.

He entered the army in May, 1949, and was last stationed in Vietnam. He holds the Purple Heart medal for wounds received as a result of enemy action, and the Bronze Star medal.

**HOLIDAY VISITORS**  
INDIAN LAKE — Miss Gladys Bakeman, Grand Rapids, and Miss Carol Crawford, Tacoma Park, Md., spent the Thanksgiving holiday weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Hiley.



**FIGHT ROOF FIRE:** South Haven firemen extinguish flames on the roof of the Bohn Aluminum and Brass company plant 12 Monday after a workman's cutting torch apparently touched off the blaze. Employees contained the fire with extinguishers until firemen arrived to finish the job. Firemen said that cutting torch sparks ignited oil residue in an exhaust fan, which spread to tar on the roof. Damage was confined to a small area surrounding the vent. The plant was closed for inventory. (Tom Renner photo)



JOHN REITZ



ROBERT A. HOWLAND

### Tri-CAP Program

### Banker, Housing Expert To Speak

A financial officer and a housing specialist will be the first two speakers in a series on consumer information sponsored by the Tri-County Community Action (Tri-CAP).

Scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, tomorrow's forum will feature John Reitz, vice president of marketing and public relations officer of Inter-City Bank, Benton Harbor, and Robert A. Howland, Berrien county supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration.

**PUBLIC INVITED**  
The public is invited to the first of the series of lectures, discussions on consumer issues. The meeting is set for 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2 at Tri-CAP headquarters, 720 East Main street, Benton Harbor.

Reitz will speak on consumer finances and savings and Howland will discuss opportunities in buying a home in the rural community. He will illustrate his topic with a series of slides.

David Goldberg, director of Tri-CAP's Neighborhood Services System, said the contacts Tri-CAP workers make with the poor in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties indicated that

many hazards lie in wait for the unwary consumer.

"As part of its goal to identify and eliminate the causes of poverty, Tri-CAP is presenting this series at the Benton Harbor office to increase public knowledge of consumer pitfalls," Goldberg explained.

**MOST VALUED**  
He said other areas to be explored included consumer opportunities to obtain the most value in goods, services, mortgages, insurance and other aspects of buying and saving.

Tri-CAP is the local agency that conducts the war on poverty in the tri-county area.

Additional speakers and lectures are scheduled for the first week of each month through next March. There is no charge for attending the series.

Other information on the series can be obtained by contacting Jeannette Harper at the Tri-CAP offices.

### Tri-County Area

### Home Economist Report For Duty

Mrs. Lois F. Marsh will begin duties as home economist with the Cooperative Extension Service today, serving Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties on a

part-time basis.

Her appointment was approved recently by the Michigan State University Board of Trustees. Her office will be in Cassopolis.

Mrs. Marsh will share responsibility for the MSU extension family living education program in the three counties with other extension home economists including: Miss Ina Redman and Miss Laurel Hornak, both headquartered in St. Joseph; and Mrs. Marilyn Peterson, of the Paw Paw office.

Home economists prepare programs for adults and young people in clothing and textiles, food and nutrition, family life, housing and home management. They also provide information through presentations at meetings and special classes, printed materials, and radio, television and newspapers.

Mrs. Marsh is a University of Wisconsin graduate. She was a home service representative with Indiana and Michigan Electric Co., from 1960 to 1968.



MRS. LOIS F. MARSH